

The RCC Weekly

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Quechua Language Project

Dr. Susan Kalt was awarded a fellowship from the National Science Foundation to spend the 2011-2012 academic year writing a book about schoolchildren's use of the Quechua language in south Bolivia and Peru. She'll also be electronically archiving the data that she has collected there over the last decade. She hopes this work will fill several important gaps in the scientific literature and allow Cusco-Collao Quechua (the most widely spoken indigenous language in the Americas) to be better understood and represented.



She is currently on leave from RCC and maintains a blog with posts that describe her work experience. Visit her blog at suesandes.blogspot.com/ to see what she is up to!

Holiday Celebration

Faculty and staff recently received an invitation to the annual holiday celebration of Peace, Joy and Fellowship. Through the generosity of the RCC Foundation, the President's Cabinet and the holiday celebration committee, there will be food and music for all to enjoy.

The event will take place in Rooms 214, 216 and 218 of the Reggie Lewis Center on Wednesday, December 14th from 2-5pm



Bring your holiday spirit and share in the joy of the season!

Mark Your Calendar

Holiday Party: Dec 14 (2-5pm in the Reggie)

Registration for Spring Semester: begins Jan 3

Faculty Institute: Jan 17 (begins at 8:30am in the Reggie)

India, here we come . . .

On Christmas Eve, Freddy Gonzales and his wife will leave for Delhi, India, to embark on a grueling 3,000-mile rally race across India in an attempt to raise money to support FRANK Water Projects, a non-profit organization that funds sustainable clean water projects in developing countries across the world.

Putting themselves in unusual situations is not new to Freddy and Val. They have twice climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania Africa, hiked Mount Meru, gone on African Safaris across the Serengeti, and driven across Africa from Senegal to Cameroon – all in the name of helping others.

Freddy and Val are one of 40 teams scheduled to participate in a race called **The Rickshaw Run**, run by an organization called The Adventurists. They will drive a motorized rickshaw in a race that starts on New Year's Day in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan (near the Pakistani border in northern India), and end on January 15th in Cochin, Kerala (southern India). The event will take them through some of the roughest terrain in India, which includes desert, mountains, jungles, and where they are likely to encounter elephants, tigers, poisonous snakes, rats, huge insects and monkeys.



Val and Freddy are planning a fundraising event on Sunday, December 11 at the Precinct, in Union Square, Somerville, from 5-8pm. Additional information can be found on their website freddyandval.com

Do You Know . . .

. . . What the first location of RCC was?

. . . Who the first president of the College was?

You can test your memory or learn some RCC history by visiting www.timetoast.com/timelines/16746

RCC's former archivist Gena Pliakas and current archivist Autumn Haag are responsible for the timeline.

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Final Examinations

Fall 2011 Schedule

- Classes officially end on December 14th. *Reading Day* is December 15th.
- Final exams for Saturday classes should be scheduled for December 16th.
- Evening exams will begin on December 15th and not before; they will take place during regular class time.
- December 21st is the last day/evening for all final exams and the last day of the semester.
- Grades are due by 5:00 p.m. on December 28th.

In case you missed it, RCC is featured in the Banner this week. There is a front page story featuring an interview with Dr. Gomes and also an editorial by Mel Miller, the publisher of the Banner.

**THE BAY STATE
Banner**

You can read the story online at

www.baystatebanner.com/local11-2011-12-08 and the editorial online at www.baystatebanner.com/editorial51-2011-12-08

TIME	Dec. 15 Thursday	Dec. 16 Friday	Dec. 17 Saturday	Dec. 19 Monday	Dec. 20 Tuesday	Dec. 21 Wednesday
8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Reading Day	A	U	C	B	T
11:00 AM 1:00 PM		I	V	L	F	G
1:30 PM 3:30 PM		M		O	N	Make-up exams
4:00 PM 6:00 PM		R		S	Q	
6:30 PM 8:30 PM	<i>Thursday evening exam</i>			<i>Monday evening exam</i>	<i>Tuesday evening exam</i>	<i>Wednesday evening exam</i>

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
T	7:30-8:20			T	7:30-8:20			T	7:30-8:20	U	9:00-12:00
A	8:30-9:20	B	8:30-9:45	A	8:30-9:20	B	8:30-9:20	A	8:30-9:20	V	12:30-3:20
C	9:30-10:20	F	10:00-11:15	C	9:30-10:20	F	10:00-11:15	C	9:30-10:20		
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O	2:30-3:20	Q	2:30-3:45	O	2:30-3:20	Q	2:30-3:45	O	2:30-3:20		
R	3:30-4:20			R	3:30-4:20			R	3:30-4:20		
S	4:30-5:45			S	4:30-5:45						
<i>Evening Classes</i>		<i>Evening Classes</i>		<i>Evening Classes</i>		<i>Evening Classes</i>					

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu